

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the written Election Requirement mailed March 26, 2007, the Examiner required election to one of the following species:

- I. Species of Figures 2A-2C;
- II. Species of Figure 3; or
- III. Species of Figures 4-5.

In response to the Election Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the species of Figures 2A-2C, with traverse, for prosecution on the merits. Applicants respectfully traverse the Election Requirement by admitting that the species of Figure 3 is not patentably distinct from the species of Figures 2A-2C. In particular, the arrangement of power layer 44 and ground layers 42A of the flexible circuitry connector 14 as illustrated in Figure 3 simply provides a perspective view of flexible circuitry connector 14 that is more structurally illustrative of the more word-based representation (e.g., POWER, GROUND, SIGNAL) of the various arrangements of respective power layers (e.g., 44, 44A, 44B) and ground layers (42, 42A, 42B, etc.) that are illustrated in the sectional view of Figures 2A-2C. See Applicants' Figures 2A-2C, 3 and the specification at page 5, line 22 – page 7, line 23. However, Applicants further note that the illustration of power layer 44 and ground layers 42 in Figure 3 is merely an example of the physical appearance of one power layer as sandwiched between a pair of ground layers, without limiting any the various respective arrangements of power layers and ground layers illustrated in Figures 2A-2C.

Applicants further note that while the Election Requirement did not refer to Figure 1, it is understood that an election of the species of Figures 2A-2C (also including Figure 3 as

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explained above) includes Figure 1, which is an embodiment distinct from the embodiment of Figures 4-5 (designated as Species III) by the Examiner. Applicants note that claims 27-28 are readable on the non-elected species of Figures 4-5.

Accordingly, per the Election Requirement, Applicants also respectfully submit that claims 9-11 and 21-26 are readable on the elected species of Figures 2A-2C, including the base illustration of Figure 1 and supporting perspective view of Figure 3.

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Having thus addressed the Restriction Requirement imposed by the Examiner, favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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